

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claim 5 is in condition for allowance. To expedite prosecution and allowance, Applicants have amended the remaining claims to depend on Claim 5. As such, Claims 1-4, and 12 have been canceled, Claims 13-16 are newly added, and Claims 6-9 amended, leaving Claims 5-11 and 13-16 for entry in the present amendment.

It is believed that the amendments made herein may be properly entered at this time, i.e., after final rejection, because the amendments do not require a new search or raise new issues and reduce issues for appeal. In particular, the claims as amended are believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the Final Office Action. Claim 5 stands allowed. Claims 6-11 and 13-16 depend from Claim 5 and include all of the limitations found in Claim 5. As such, all of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 5.


No new matter has been introduced by any of these amendments. For example, new claims 13-15 correspond to original claims 2-4. New Claim 16 corresponds to original claim 12. Finally, Claims 6-8 have been amended to correct claim dependency so as to depend on Claim 5.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Advisory Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should there be any additional questions or concerns.

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